

STUART'S MEN TO ASK CITY

\$10,000 for Monument to the
Cavalier Hero.

CITY'S PLEDGE OF 1864

Revived in Support of Weighty Petition
of Taxpayers to Be Presented
at the Council's
Next Meeting.

Greatly encouraged by the patriotic and well-approved action of the Legislature in granting a site in Capitol Square and \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting an equestrian statue of General J. E. B. Stuart, C. S. A., as a monument to himself and the peerless young cavaliers that followed him through the tragic days of the Confederate war, the Veterans Cavalry Association, A. N. V., are about to try to bring their long labors almost to an end, by securing an equal appropriation in money from the city, which the monument will go to beautify and glorify. In this immediate defense of which the gallant and indispensable General gave up his life. To that end, the following petition has been prepared and is being circulated for signatures:

"To the Honorable, the City Council: 'Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned citizens of Richmond, taxpayers, appreciating fully the stern patriotism, high generalship and noble valor exhibited by Major-General J. E. B. Stuart, C. S. A., in leading and making glorious the cavalry arm of the Army of Northern Virginia. In our late struggle for the preservation of constitutional liberty, and recognizing the fact that he gave his life in battle in repelling a villainous raid upon this capital city, and remembering the city's solemn Council ordinance of May 14, 1864, whereby it was agreed that in consideration of Mrs. Stuart's allowing her husband's body to remain here under his care, the city would commemorate by a suitable monument, its gratitude and his services.'"

"In the presence of these high considerations, we urge you (and we believe that the sentiment of all the people is with us) to appropriate and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and place it at the disposal of the Veterans Cavalry Association of the Army of Northern Virginia, to be used by them in erecting an equestrian statue of General Stuart on a selected site in the Capitol reservation."

This petition is being circulated by the local officers of the association and others. The officers of the association are: General Fitzhugh Lee, president; General J. L. Lomax, M. C. Butler, William H. Payne, W. P. Roberts, T. T. Munford and Major H. B. McClellan, vice-presidents; Captain W. Ben. Palmer, secretary; Mr. E. A. Catlin, treasurer; Captain Marion Dimmock, chairman Executive Committee; Colonel Charles T. O'Farrell, Major A. R. Venable, Captain John Lamb, Messrs. Joseph Bryan, James H. Jordan, John W. Gordon, P. J. Mayo, C. C. Minor, Charles Selden, Frank T. Fulton, Joseph W. Thomas, L. B. Vaughan, James Vass and James R. Farth, committee on the petition. The petition will go to the Council meeting on Monday, April 14, in a body, to present this petition, and all members of the association are requested to attend also.

The ordinance of May 14, 1864, referred to, and upon the moral obligation of which the association bases its hopes, is the following, passed two days after Stuart's death:

"Whereas, the people of Richmond, in common with their fellow-citizens of the Confederate States, have to deplore in the death of Major-General J. E. B. Stuart not only the loss of one of the first military characters of the age, but also the loss of a citizen whose eminent patriotism and pure life gave the best guarantee that his great military capacity would never be otherwise employed than in the cause of freedom and for the welfare of his country; and

"Whereas, they not only recognize this great misfortune, in common with the rest of their countrymen, but bearing in mind that he yielded up his heroic spirit in the immediate defense of their city and in a successful effort to purchase their safety by the sacrifice of his own life, they are profoundly moved with sentiments of gratitude for his great services and of veneration for his glorious memory, and are desirous to express and record their sense of peculiar obligation in an emphatic and a permanent manner; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Council of the city of Richmond, in behalf of the citizens thereof, tender to the family of General Stuart their deepest and most heartfelt condolence, and earnestly request that the remains of their great benefactor may be permitted to lie in state under the care and guardianship of the people of Richmond, and that they may be allowed to commemorate by a suitable monument their gratitude and his services."

A copy of the above preamble and resolution was communicated to Mrs. Stuart and met with her approval. General Stuart is buried in Hollywood, and his grave is marked by a monument erected at the expense of his family. The city has carried out its promise in the ordinance. A number of years ago the Council offered the Stuart Monument Committee the \$10,000 site at the junction of Broad Street and the Brook Road, in charge of its obligation, but owing to an unfortunate disagreement, which it would be unprofitable to revive, the site was rejected by the committee of that day. It seems to be very generally desired that all concerned should let disagreeable bygones sleep, and all unite in a sympathetic

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(this) movement to raise historic honors to the noble dead and to the undying principles for which all the dreadful sacrifices of the past and the many pinching limitations of the present were made.

HAS DONE FINE BUSINESS

Gratifying Reports at Meeting of Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company was held yesterday at 12 o'clock. The reports made by the officers of the company showed its condition to be most favorable. During the past year the company paid to its stockholders dividends amounting to \$40,000, and added \$99,382.60 to its surplus, making that item now \$121,882.60.

The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. E. B. Addison, John L. Williams, James H. Dooley, S. W. Travers, John W. Rother, W. A. Habington, J. William Mendenhall, Baltimore, Md.; C. Sidney Shepard, New Haven, N. Y.; Robert C. Davidson, Baltimore, Md.; Ernst Thalmann, New York; P. B. Pemberton, New York; Isaac T. Mann, New York; W. W. Mackall, Savannah, Ga.; John Skelton Williams, Robert S. Basher, S. D. Crenshaw, E. G. Leigh, Jr., J. Stewart Bryan, Beverly B. Munford, Eppa Hunton, Jr., and H. L. Cabell.

This is practically the same board which served last year, with the exception of the addition of Mr. Hunton, who is of the firm of Munford, Hunton, Williams & Anderson, of this city, and Mr. Mackall, who is president of the Savannah Trust Company, and very prominent in the business development of the South. This is one of the largest and most successful trust companies in the South, and the result of the year's business reflects the highest credit upon the management.

The scheme to pay the councilmen a small salary as a compensation for the duties performed by them will probably be recommended and may be adopted.

Barton Heights.

There will be a fine concert in the Parish Hall Friday evening, March 27th, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Solid South and Tennessee tables in the Confederate Bazaar.

The very best talent has been secured and a delightful programme arranged. Tickets are on sale at the drug store, also at Mr. Jones' notion store. Admission, twenty-five cents.

Mrs. J. P. Haupt, who has been very sick at her home on Virginia Avenue, is steadily improving.

Miss Mayme Crovo expects to spend the Easter holidays with friends in Washington and Baltimore.

Mrs. J. W. Atkins, who has been quite sick at her home on Miller Avenue, is improving.

Mrs. Coffey, who has been quite sick at her home in Brookland Park, is improving.

Miss Helen Briggs, who is visiting in Newport News, will return tomorrow.

Miss Esther Feather is visiting her friend, Miss Goldie Dickens.

Miss Amy Carter, of Greensboro, N. C., is visiting her aunt, near the Seminary.

Miss Reta May Flanagan is quite sick at her home on York Street, with the measles.

Mr. White, who has been quite sick at his home on Ladies' Mile Road, has recovered.

Miss Elizabeth Christian is quite sick at her home on Montero Avenue.

Miss Mary Haw, of Hanover, is visiting friends in Highland Park.

Mrs. J. W. Atkins, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

Rev. D. J. Walthall has returned from Georgia.

Miss Emline Louise Thompson, who has been quite sick at her home in Pinello, is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. F. Miller is quite sick at her home.

Mr. Todd, of Chestnut Hill, has left for Fork Union, to visit friends.

Mr. J. M. Jones, who has been visiting his parents, has returned to Atlanta.

Mr. J. W. Sharp has returned from a business trip South.

COUNCIL IS TOO LARGE

Committee Named to Take Up
Question of Smaller Body

AND TO PAY THE MEMBERS

Probable That a Report May Be Made
in Favor of Both Propositions.

The Joint Committee
Chosen.

Presidents William M. Turpin and Sol L. Bloomberg, of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, respectively, yesterday morning returned to City Clerk B. T. August the name of those members who have been selected to serve on a joint committee which, under resolution, is to investigate the advisability of decreasing the representation of the various wards in the Council and the feasibility of a plan to pay members for their services.

From the Common Council there will be Messrs. Garber (who will be chairman), Ferguson, Healep, Hicks and Elliott. From the Board, Messrs. Whitte, Wood, Hall and Donahoe. Mr. Garber has been made the chairman, because he is the "father" of the resolution, and it is now up to him to say when and where the committee shall meet.

MAY MEET SOON. As yet the chairman is undecided as to when he will have a meeting of the body, but an effort will be made to get together and formulate a report before the next regular meeting of the Council, although this seems improbable, as the question is one that will require long and careful consideration before any decisive action is taken.

Since the resolution was offered in the Common Council and adopted, there has been much speculation as to the outcome of the investigation. There are those who predict that it will be recommended that the representation of each ward in both branches be materially decreased.

It has been argued that the Council as it is at present constituted has too many members for the good of the city, needed legislation being unnecessarily delayed by failure of sufficient members to attend meetings to constitute a legal quorum.

In addition, it is held that even after the body is in session, much time is lost and delay occasioned by the debate and frequent interruptions, it being next to impossible to have every member thoroughly understand a proposition.

A LARGE BODY. At present the Council is composed of fifty-six members—five councilmen and three aldermen from each ward. This is said to overshadow any similar body in the country, where the city is no larger than Richmond.

Two councilmen and one alderman, it is claimed, would be an improvement over the present system, and would facilitate materially the accomplishing of important business.

Frequently members of both branches in private conversation have stated that there were too many men in the body. Thus it would seem that the proposition to decrease the number will meet with approval.

The scheme to pay the councilmen a small salary as a compensation for the duties performed by them will probably be recommended and may be adopted.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSAL

Reports are abroad to the effect that a reorganization of the Universal Tobacco Company is imminent.

Transactions in the stock of the company have recently been very few, but during the past week two hundred shares were sold on the curb at New York at 2-1/2 apiece, which is nearly ten points lower than the former price of the stock.

It is said by some that this purchase was by parties who contemplated a complete reorganization of the company and that all probably some of those in control at present will drop out. Some of the most important constituent firms of the Universal have passed from under its control.

Board of Canvassers.

The Governor was busy at his routine business yesterday until 2 o'clock, except for a short time he was in the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers. This body transacted only a bit of unimportant business. The Governor spends a considerable part of his time considering bills that have passed both branches of the Legislature. Just now, among the proposed measures is one which he is expected to sign, which is designed to cut out from eligibility to election to the State Board of Education all school superintendents who have written a book or invented a school appliance.

Case Continued.

The case of the fourteen-year-old boy, Willie Mitter, who was arrested by Captain Tomlinson on the charge of being a vagrant, went over to April 4th in the Police Court for investigation. The boy is alleged to have imposed upon the public by appeals for aid for his blind father.

Tobacco Notes.

Mr. John Ross, of Liverpool, England; Mr. J. H. Bell, of J. & P. Bell, of Glasgow, Scotland, and Mr. Charles Campbell, of Louisville, Ky., who have been visiting the Kentucky markets, are now in Virginia.

Mr. C. D. Kersey, of Danville, was in the city yesterday.

Fulton News.

The long, wide, beautiful road, known as the Government Park with the National Cemetery, has been wrecked. The magnificent driveway is impassable for several squares, and the water from the beautiful spring at the base of Chimborazo Park is running in every direction. Several months ago the road began to sink and cracks in the road-bed began to appear. The cracks of the heavy rains of the past several days the road has been working overtime in settling. The road is closed from the park to Graham Street, a distance of a half mile.

At the base of the park the most damage was done. The road here has sunk eight or more feet.

A large number of people have visited the section in the past two days. The condition of the road has been wired to the engineers' department at Washington, and inspectors will be hastened here.

The special convention on pastor of Fulton Baptist Church will meet Sunday. As yet no action has been taken to secure a new pastor.

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